

5. (Amended) A tape preparation for transdermal absorption as claimed in Claim 1 which is excellent in duration of effect on alleviating pains on the occasion of high frequency therapy or laser therapy, pains upon treatment of liver spots or dark red birthmarks, pains upon biopsy, pains on the occasion of skin grafting for the treatment of thermal burns, or pains on the occasion of treatment of molluscum contagiosum.

6. (Amended) A tape preparation for transdermal absorption as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the local anesthetic is selected from the group consisting of lidocaine, procaine, oxyprocaine, dibucaine, tetracaine, bupivacaine, mepivacaine, propitocaine, and salts thereof.

7. (Amended) A tape preparation for transdermal absorption as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the local anesthetic is lidocaine.--

Please add the following claim:

--10. (New) A tape preparation for transdermal absorption as claimed in Claim 1 which causes stratum corneum abrasion only to a slight extent even when applied continuously for a long period of time, and is excellent in duration of effect on alleviating pains due to herpes zoster or postherpetic neuralgia.--

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